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TAGS: ETRD, JA, IT

SUBJECT: ITALY/ JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY DECISION IN EARLY APRIL TO GRANT LICENSE FOR IMPORT OF 5,000 HONDA MOTORS ( ABOVE 125 CC) FROM JAPAN FOR USE IN MOTORCYCLE ASSEMBLY PLANT IN ABRUZZI REGION OF ITALY HAS ATTRACTED WIDE PUBLIC DEBATE. JOB AND EXPORT CREATION EFFECT OF PROPOSED PLANT APPRECIATED, BUT ITALIAN PRODUCERS OF LARGE MOTORCYCLES HAVE RAISED STRONG OBJECTIONS. AS RESULT OF LATTER, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MATTEOTI HAS NOW AGREED RECONSIDER ENTIRE DECISION.
2. IN CONVERSATION MAY 23 ON TAPE RECORDER QUOTAS ( SEPTTEL) RESPONSIBLE MFT OFFICIAL NOTED THAT MOTORCYCLE CASE CAUSING MINISTRY CONSIDERABLE ANGUISH. ITALY HAS SOME 80 CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN UNDER QR, AND OTHERS SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING. SOURCE THOUGHT THAT EVEN IF DOMESTIC RESISTENCE ( SUCH AS ENCOUNTERED IN CASE OF MOTORS) COULD BE OVERCOME, ITALY WOULD BE RELUCTANT LIBERALIZE FURTHER UNTIL REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS COULD SERVE AS USEFUL LEVERAGE IN EC/ JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS CONTEXT.

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3. SOURCE SAID A GROUP OF DIRECTOR GENERAL- LEVEL GOI TRADE  
OFFICIALS EXPECTED GO TO TOKYO IN LATE JUNE AS PART FOLLOW- UP  
OF RECENT ANDREOTTI VISIT TO JAPAN. PURPOSE OF TALKS WOULD  
APPARENTLY BE MAINLY EXPLORATORY AND GENERAL IN SCOPE. VOLPE

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